

# Developing a State Alzheimer's Plan Update

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- In Washington State, an estimated 110,000 individuals have AD or a related dementia
- By 2025, this is projected to be 150,000
- Unless an approach to prevent or effectively treat AD is found, the number of people with the disease will increase significantly in the next twenty years



# Developing a State Alzheimer's Plan

- A National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease was released in 2012 (Update 2014:  
<http://aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/napa/NatlPlan2014.pdf>)
- State Alzheimer's Plans have been enacted in a large majority of states  
([http://act.alz.org/site/PageNavigator/state\\_plans.html](http://act.alz.org/site/PageNavigator/state_plans.html))
- SSB 6124 provides legislative authorization to develop an Alzheimer's Plan for Washington State
- DSHS is to convene an Alzheimer's disease working group



## Alzheimer's Disease (AD) Touches all Sectors of the Economy

- The majority of care for people with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias falls to family
- Significant care & support needs of people living with dementia impacts state and federal governments, health and long-term care systems and business
- This act is an opportunity to develop a comprehensive, coordinated effort to promote cognitive health and increase the dementia capability of our many intersecting systems of support and services for people with dementia and their family caregivers



## Deliverables

- DSHS must submit a report providing findings and recommendations of the AD working group, including any draft legislation necessary to implement the recommendations
- Due to the governor and the health care committees of the senate and house of representatives January 1, 2016

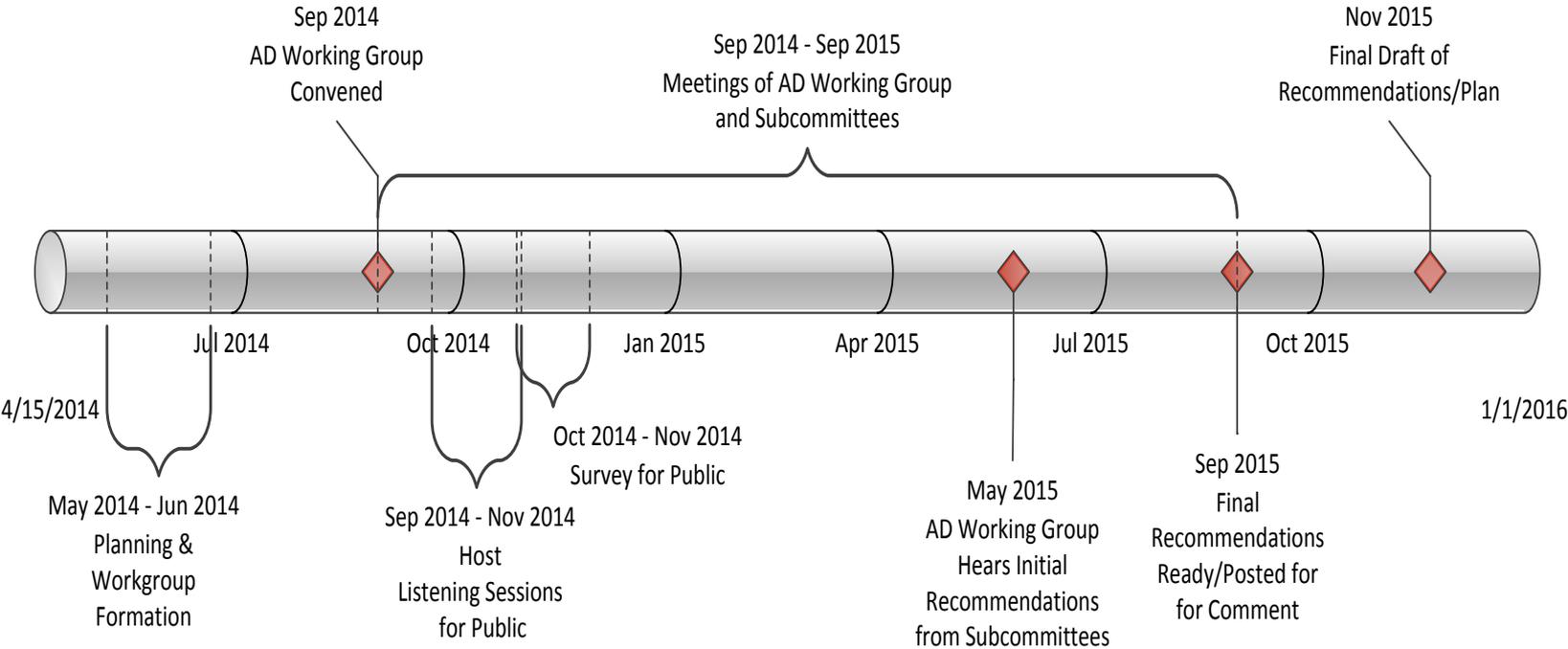


# Establishing the AD Working Group

- In process of identifying membership of working group
- Goal is to have membership roster complete on or around June 30, 2014
- Membership is outlined in SSB 6124 and includes people with dementia, family caregivers of people with dementia, state agency leadership, members of the legislature, health care providers, home and residential care providers, health policy advocates and researchers



# Proposed Project Timeline



Anticipate first meeting of full AD Working Group in early September 2014

